

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

#3



In re Application of: Brad A. ARMSTRONG
 Serial No.: 09/455,821
 Filed: December 6, 1999
 For: VARIABLE-CONDUCTANCE SENSOR
 Atty Docket: 27676-2/P08

Art Unit 2858
 Examiner UNKNOWN

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the application as follows, prior to examination on the merits, and prior to calculation of the filing fee.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Replace the first sentence of the application with the following:

- - This application is a continuation of prior U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/106,825, filed June 29, 1998, now U.S. Patent 5,999,084, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference. - -

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.10

I hereby certify that the foregoing **REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION** is being deposited with the United States Postal Service, "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 on the date indicated below and addressed to Box Fee-Amendment, Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C., 20231.

Dated: March 9, 2000

Saul M. Solano
 Saul M. Solano

"Express Mail" Mailing Label No.: EL501232804US